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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE A

This is in response to an Office Action, mailed February 5, 2003 (paper number 5). Submitted herewith is a petition for a two-month extension of time to extend the time for response to July 5, 2003. In response to the Office Action, Applicants respectfully request a shift in the previously elected invention and elect to amend the description.

Restriction Requirement

In the present Office Action, the Examiner sets forth a restriction/election requirement wherein the Applicants were required under 35 USC § 121 to elect one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-8 and 21-28, drawn to processes of making polyethylene, and the resultant polymer, classified in class 526, subclass 119.
- II. Claims 9-20, drawn to metallocene catalyst systems, classified in class 502, subclass 117.

During a telephone conversation with the undersigned, Mr. Osborne McKinney, on 1/27/2003, a provisional election was made with traverse to prosecute the invention of group I, claims 1-8 and 21-28. Now, however, the Applicants respectfully request that they permitted to shift the election from the invention of group I, claims 1-8 and 21-29 to the invention of group II, claims 9-20.

The Applicants make this request because in the present Office Action the Examiner provisionally rejected the claims of group I under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 5-8 and 21-24 of copending parent application number 09/680,644. The Applicants are continuing to prosecute the claims in the copending parent application including a submission of a reply concurrent with this present reply. As such, by permitting a shift to the invention of group II for examination in the present application, work will be reduced by reducing the totality of issues between the two pending applications, both being examined by the same Examiner. Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 9-20.

In the Description

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(NE) -- The molecular weight distribution (MWD), or polydispersity index (PDI) also characterized by M_w/M_n , of the LLDPEs of embodiments of our invention will be generally ≤ 4.5 , or ≤ 3.5 , or ≤ 2.5 . The weight average molecular weight (M_w) of the LLDPEs of embodiments of our invention is in the range of 60,000-200,000. --

REMARKS

The specification was amended, in response to a formal objection, to provide antecedent basis for Claims 2 and 21 in regard to the weight average molecular weight (M_w) limitation.

Respectfully submitted,



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